

**REMARKS**

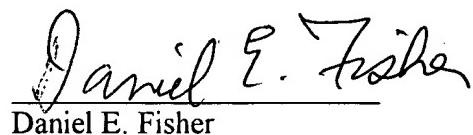
Responsive to the October 5, 2004 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, please reconsider the application in light of the following remarks and the applicable patent law.

**The Revised Amendments to the Claims**, listed in the listing of claims above, reflect only revised status identifiers for claims 2-3, 5, 15, 18 and 21 and new claims 22 and 23 are presented without underlining in response to the October 5 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. In all other, aspects the claims presented in the Amendment filed July 26, 2004 remain unchanged. The remarks in the Amendment filed July 26, 2004 are hereby incorporated by reference in so far as they are not inconsistent with the present remarks.

**CONCLUSION**

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Prompt reconsideration and allowance of the application are earnestly solicited. Should the examiner believe that any further action is necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned applicant at the telephone number listed below. Furthermore, please note the change of address and telephone number filed on July 26, 2004 on Form PTO/SB/122 - Change of Correspondence Address.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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